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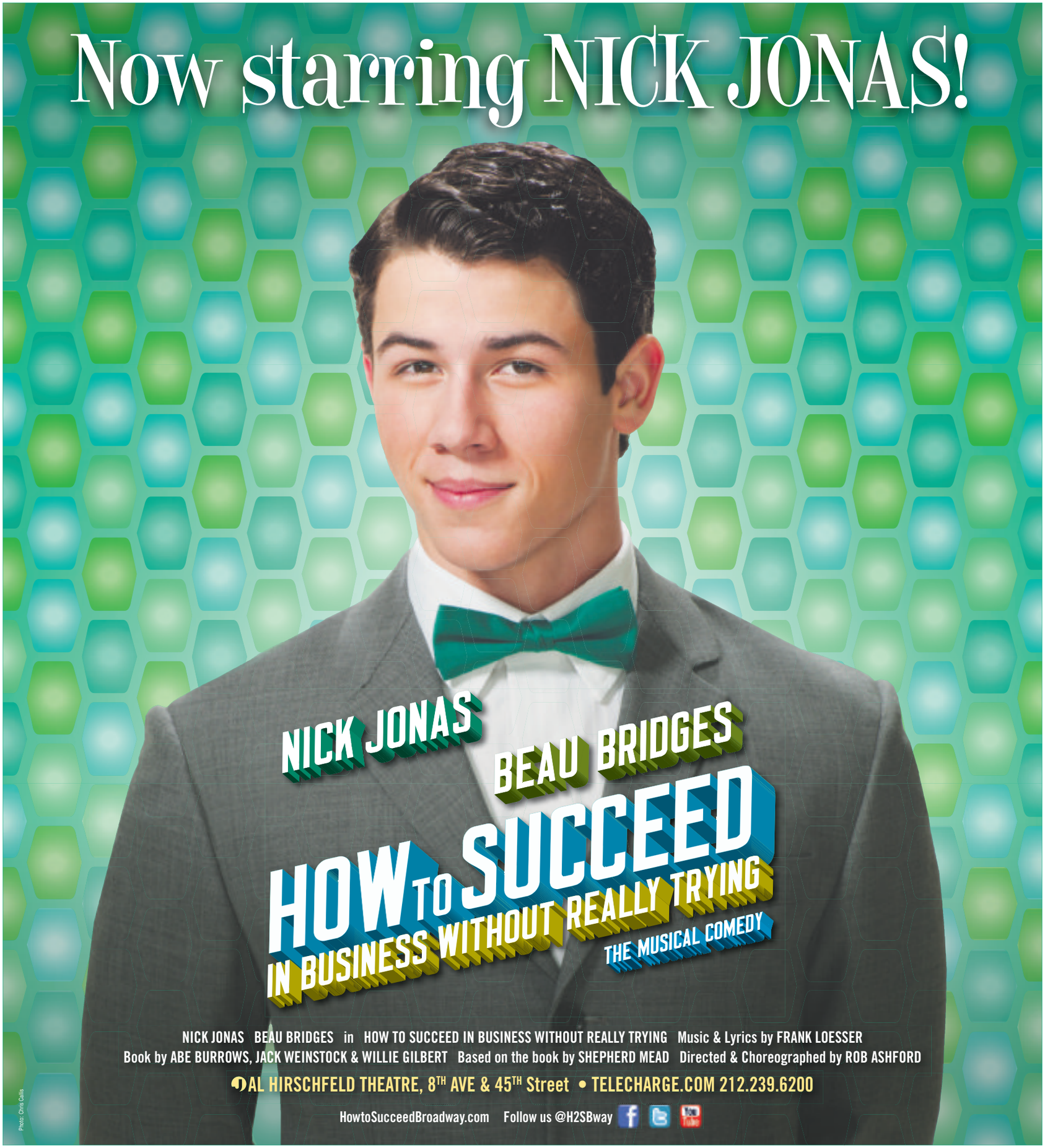

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In the news

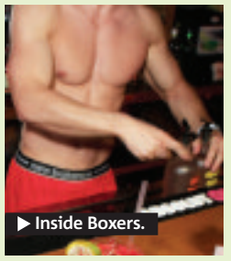
Teen killed in Bed-Stuy

A teenager was stabbed to death yesterday shortly after midnight. Cops said that the 18-year-old, Tyreak Watts, was killed inside Gourmet Deli on Lewis Avenue in Bed-Stuy. Police found him with one stab wound to the chest, and he was pronounced dead at the scene. Cops are searching for suspects, they said. METRO/AB

In the news

Marc Jacobs' young models

Designer Marc Jacobs has gone against the Council of Fashion Designers of America's ban on hiring underage girls to strut down the catwalk. Jacobs sent two 14-year-old girls down the runway on Monday, according to The New York Times. "If their parents are willing to let them do a show, I don't see any reason that it should be me who tells them that they can't," he said. METRO/EAE



▶ Inside Boxers.

Gay sports bar boxed in

HELL'S KITCHEN. The battle over the location of a second Boxers NYC, a gay sports bar, hit another snag yesterday, when the State Liquor Authority decided to postpone making a final decision on whether to give the watering hole a liquor license. The owners want to open another Boxers on 10th Avenue but Community Board 4 rejected the bar's application for a liquor license. A new hearing was scheduled for Feb. 29. METRO/EAE

Plaza Hotel rapist guilty

NEW YORK. Mustapha Ouanes, 67, was found guilty of raping one woman and attempting to rape another in his room at the Plaza Hotel last year. Ouanes was visiting New York as part of an unnamed Saudi Prince's entourage on Jan. 26, 2010. District Attorney Cyrus Vance said yesterday, "This was a crime of opportunity — the defendant had a vulnerable, intoxicated woman." METRO/EAE

Cops search for BK robber

PARK SLOPE. Cops are searching for a man who they said robbed a grocery store on Fourth Avenue in Park Slope. Police said that on Monday, around 4 a.m., the suspect entered the store with a silver gun, telling people inside, "If you want to live, don't do anything." The two male employees, 18 and 26, were forced into a storage locker in the back of the store and told not to move. METRO/AB

Street vendors march at City Hall today

NEW YORK. As many as 1,000 New York City street cart vendors are expected to march together today to protest what they say are unfair fines the city levies against them.

The demonstration, titled "1,000 Vendors Against $1,000 Fines," will begin at noon on the steps of City Hall.

Organized by the Street Vendor Project, ¡Vamos Unidos! and the 125th St. Merchants Association, the vendors will call for a change in the fine structure system the city imposes on vendors, arguing that the $1,000 fines are excessive.

Street vendors say they are unfairly fined for minor violations such as carrying a license in their pocket instead of wearing it visibly around their necks or being one foot too close to the crosswalk. They say fines snowball and become $1,000 penalties, putting vendors out of work.

Recently, the City Council introduced legislation that would ease the penalties on vendors. The Council's Black, Latino and Asian Caucus is asking that the maximum fine be reduced to just $250. EMILY ANNE EPSTEIN

Responders cautiously hopeful for cancer aid

◗ Debating if 9/11 dust caused responders' cancers ◗ Doctor says cancer rate 14 percent higher than expected ◗ Mayor promises to reveal data

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▶ "We cannot add every cancer to this bill, I get it," first responder John Feal said yesterday. "But there are cancers, unequivocally, undoubtedly, that need to be added."

9/11 responders reacted with cautious hope yesterday to news that the city might release data illuminating whether Ground Zero dust caused their cancers.

After intense political pressure, Mayor Michael Bloomberg promised yesterday he would give doctors at Mount Sinai Hospital a list of the names of officers at Ground Zero and request the police officers' permission to reveal cancer diagnoses.

And at a hearing yesterday, Dr. Philip Landrigan at Mount Sinai's World Trade Center Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program said that out of 20,000 responders in their program, the cancer rate was 14 percent higher than he expected.

The Zadroga Act provides care for people with 9/11-related illnesses, but that list does not include cancer.

Federal officials will decide in March whether to add cancer, but say they need a proven link first.

At a meeting of the World Trade Center Health Program, which administers the Zadroga funding, several responders described rare cancers they developed after inhaling Ground Zero dust.

"My daughter will never see me walk down the aisle," John Walcott, a retired NYPD detective with leukemia, told the panel.

Responder and advocate John Feal said he has been to 55 funerals for first responders who died of cancer since 9/11. Before that, he said, none.

This week, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association said 65 officers have died from cancer, at an average age of 44. An FDNY study found that firefighters were more likely to develop cancer after working on Ground Zero.

Marc Wilkenfeld, a physician at Winthrop-University Hospital on Long Island, tells responders their diagnoses.

"I have to tell people that you have cancer, but it's not on the list of covered treatment," Wilkenfeld said. "It's really hard to tell them, to explain."

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Tons of asbestos

The air had 1.2 million tons of building materials in it, said a doctor at yesterday's hearing.

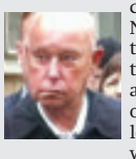
▶ This included as many as 400 tons of asbestos. "The government has an obligation to cover cancer treatments because they told first responders the air was safe," Councilwoman Margaret Chin said. Elizabeth Ward, at the WTC Health Program, said yesterday that some members supported adding some cancers, like lung cancer, if linked to inhaling toxic dust.

Steep price for responder

NEW YORK. Reggie Hilaire, 40, an NYPD officer still on the force, spent 850 hours at Ground Zero and has been diagnosed with both thyroid cancer and multiple myeloma, a cancer he said he shares with four other responders he has never met. "I'm not a scientist, I'm just a cop," he said. "I don't think it's a coincidence."

It's not just New Yorkers

CHICAGO. Arthur Noonan, a Chicago firefighter,



came to New York to help after 9/11, and developed leukemia, which is now in remission. He has almost maxed out the funds from his health insurance, he said.

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Last two years are critical to Mayor Bloomberg's legacy

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has until the end of 2013 to shape how he'll be remembered Yet he finds himself unable to make peace with one of his biggest, and most powerful, adversaries: The teachers' union

For Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who heralds himself as the education mayor, today could prove crucial in the legacy he'll leave behind.

Today is the deadline for the city and the United Federation of Teachers to reach an agreement on the terms for teacher evaluations. Implementing evaluations, which would make it easier to weed out underperforming teachers, has been one of Bloomberg's most notable — and most scrutinized — ambitions.

The showdown could put more than $200 million in education funding at risk, and if the two sides can't strike a deal, Gov. Andrew Cuomo vowed he will step in.

"It would be an awful blow," said David Birdsell, dean of the Baruch College School of Public Affairs, of a potential stalemate. "It's going to look bad for everybody. There would literally be a several hundred million dollar hole going forward for a couple years."

In an unprecedented move, Bloomberg took over control of the city's schools when he first came into office. Since then, in his 10 years as mayor, Bloomberg has made good on several education initiatives, including expanding charter schools and a push for smaller, more focused, high schools.

"His having gotten mayoral authority is a great accomplishment," said former Mayor Ed Koch. "Whether he has maximized that in a positive way … I think the jury is still out."

Bloomberg has received criticism for his lack of inclusion of parents in policy making. But his most lasting impression will likely hinge on student performance — test scores are a frequent subject of debate on whether city students show progress.

"He sought and got a third term because one of his arguments for taking it was unfinished business … one of the areas was education," said Bruce Berg, a professor of political science at Fordham University. "In order for the mayor at the end of his third term to claim 'mission accomplished,' he's going to need much more conclusive evidence of improvements in school test scores than he has up to this point achieved."

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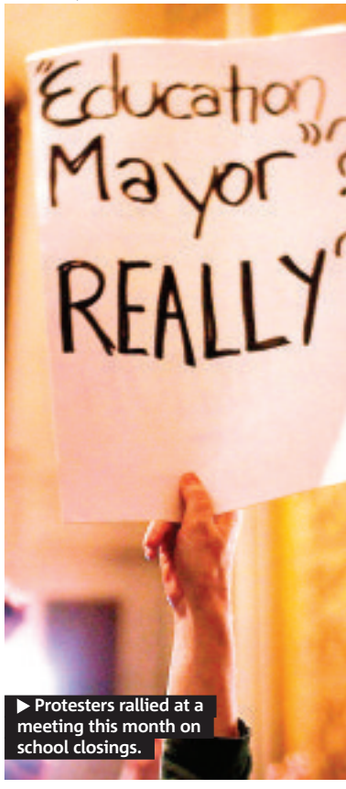

▶ Protesters rallied at a meeting this month on school closings.

It's about the 'little things'

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Last year, Bloomberg signed a law that extended New York City's smoking ban to parks, beaches, and public plazas. In 2010, he introduced the restaurant letter grade system, which requires eateries to display an A, B or C in their window after inspections. Other feathers in his cap include a trans-fat ban and calorie charts posted in fast-food restaurants.

And many would argue some of his public health initiatives are working: Adult smoking has declined nearly 30 percent since 2002, the year Bloomberg implemented a citywide smoking ban in bars and restaurants, according to the Department of Health.

While these changes are primarily convenience-based for New Yorkers, they're also likely to be the "little things" that voters remember — either in a positive or a negative light, said Birdsell.

"With these kinds of health orientations, there is a push-pull," said Birdsell. "When he is riding high, people will remember the benefits. When he's riding low, people will think of it as the nanny-state meddling in their lives."

What's next for Bloomie?

Will Bloomberg run for president? It's a question he's answered time after time with an overwhelming "no."

If Bloomberg has political aspirations beyond his time as mayor, he doesn't have a lot of options — at least not right away, political experts say. New York Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer are up for re-election in 2012 and 2016 respectively, though they're both well ensconced in their seats. Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo will likely seek another term in 2014. Bloomberg, a perpetual boss, would likely set his sights on a higher office anyway, say political watchers.

"He isn't going to challenge Cuomo, but there is no other job that is big enough for Bloomberg," Birdsell said. "It is unlikely that he is going to have a straight shot at the presidency in his 70s. He would be the oldest candidate to run for a first term should he be contemplating 2016."

Bloomberg, who turned 70 on Tuesday, will likely have to fight to stay relevant in the time between his last mayoral term and the next major election, said some.

"The mayor of New York City, in some ways, probably gets more press attention than anybody, except the president," Berg said. "He has a national name, but he is going to have to push to keep that name on the radar."

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"I could see him appointed to head of the World Bank or secretary of Treasury."
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On the street

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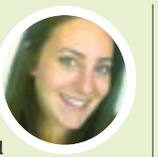

Amara Erdrich, 26, sales professional, Hell's Kitchen
"I will be sad to see him go; I hate that things like extending term limits and the Cathie Black mess is how he will be remembered, because he means so much more than that to the city he loves and that loves him."

John Nickles, 41, songwriter, Brooklyn Heights
"I like Mike — I think he is even-handed in dealing with a city that needs an unwavering guide. He's not reactive and doesn't get his feathers ruffled when things go wrong."

Stephen Taala, 42, Jackson Heights
"Bloomberg is strictly business. There was an honest attempt to fix the growing education problem albeit from a purely business point of view, without addressing the fundamental problem: breakdown in discipline at every level, from students to educators."

Phaedra McIntosh, 32, law school graduate, Crown Heights
"I felt that Mayor Bloomberg went above the people when he ran for his most recent term. I feel term limits are in place for a reason and he did not offer good enough reasons for exceeding his term limit."

14 drug traffickers arrested in BK

BROWNSVILLE. NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly announced the arrests yesterday of 14 alleged drug traffickers who police charge have been selling crack-cocaine out of houses and apartments in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn.

Members of the NYPD's Narcotics Bureau raided two apartments at 1800 Pitkin Avenue early Tuesday morning. Inside the homes, police found three loaded handguns and approximately 200 "zips," or individually wrapped bags, of crack-cocaine. Police also found $300 in cash and marijuana sealed inside Sour Patch Kids candy wrapping, which they found hidden inside a safe in the stove of one of the apartments.

The arrests follow a nine-month investigation where undercover officers made 69 purchases of crack-cocaine for around $4,000 total. METRO/SV

Husband of teacher faces murder charges

The husband of a city teacher who prosecutors say was bludgeoned to death earlier this month was arraigned yesterday morning on charges that he murdered her.

According to the Queens district attorney's office, Tara Hawes, 33, was found dead on Feb. 2 in her Astoria apartment, with blunt force trauma to the head.

Police found two knives and a bat that were apparently covered in blood, as well as skin and hair, according to prosecutors, and a note that read, "I killed my best friend." Her car, a gray 2008 Jeep Liberty, was also allegedly discovered missing.

Hawes worked as a special education teacher at a public school in Williamsburg.

According to prosecutors, her husband, Jordan Hawes, 32, faces second-degree murder charges.

Prosecutors say video surveillance shows Hawes pawning a wedding band and other jewelry at an Astoria pawn shop after her death. He also tried to withdraw money from various ATM machines using his wife's debit card.

A Connecticut State Police officer arrested Hawes on Feb. 4 after his wife's vehicle was found at a rest stop on I-95 near Bridgeport, according to the DA.

Hawes surrendered himself to the police in the parking lot and said, "I did something wrong. I surrender myself," the district attorney said. Right after that, according to officials, he suffered an apparent seizure and was taken to a local hospital. After he recovered, he waived extradition and was returned Tuesday to Queens.

"The defendant is accused of savagely beating to death the woman whom he purportedly loved," Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said in a statement. "If [he's] convicted, her brutal and senseless death merits serious punishment."

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▶ Police released this surveillance image of Jordan Hawes.

Back in New York to face charges

Jordan Hawes' attorney, Sanford Talkin, told Metro that Hawes waived extradition to get back to New York and face the charges as soon as possible.

"Now he's here, and we're going to let the process play itself out in the court," he said.

Hawes faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted, according to the DA. METRO/AB

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Report: Apple's iPad factory not the worst

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▶ Protesters — one wearing a mask of late Apple CEO Steve Jobs — rail against the working conditions at Taiwanese technology giant Foxconn, which manufactures Apple products in China.

Working conditions at Chinese manufacturing plants where Apple Inc.'s iPads and iPhones are made are far better than those at garment factories or other facilities elsewhere in the country, according to the head of a nonprofit agency investigating the plants.

The Fair Labor Association is beginning a study of the working conditions of Apple's top eight suppliers in China, following reports of worker suicides, a plant explosion and slave-like conditions at one of those suppliers, Foxconn Technology Group.

Auret van Heerden, president of the FLA, offered no immediate conclusions on the working conditions, but he noted that boredom and alienation could have contributed to the stress that led some workers to take their own lives.

"You have lot of young people coming from rural areas, away from families for the first time. ... So the problems are ... more a function of monotony, of boredom, of alienation perhaps." HEERDEN

After his visits to Foxconn, van Heerden said, "The facilities are first-class; the physical conditions are way, way above average of the norm."

He spent the past several days visiting Foxconn plants to prepare for the study. "I was very surprised when I walked onto the floor at Foxconn, how tranquil it is compared with a garment factory," he said.

"You have lot of young people coming from rural areas, away from families for the first time," he said. "Factories initially didn't realize those workers needed emotional support." REUTERS

News in brief

Kellogg No. 2 with Pringles purchase

NEW YORK. Kellogg Co. agreed to swallow Pringles potato chips for $2.7 billion in a cash deal that makes the cereal company second only to PepsiCo in the global snack food market.

The transaction also marks the final exit of household products maker Procter & Gamble Co. from the food business after its earlier deal to sell Pringles to Diamond Foods fell apart. REUTERS

Iran not backing down on nuke issue

TEHRAN. Iran proclaimed advances in nuclear know-how yesterday, including new centrifuges able to enrich uranium much faster, a move that may hasten a drift toward confrontation with the West over suspicions it is seeking the means to make atomic bombs.

Tehran's resolve to pursue a nuclear program showed no sign of wavering despite Western sanctions inflicting increasing damage on its oil-based economy. "Our nuclear path will continue," President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in a live broadcast. REUTERS

Boehner signals payroll tax cut deal

WASHINGTON. A tentative deal to renew a payroll tax cut through the rest of this year likely will be finalized and voted on by the House of Representatives by the end of the week, House Speaker John Boehner said yesterday.

The proposed deal would extend a payroll tax cut for 160 million U.S. workers, extend jobless benefits for millions of others and prevent deep cuts in payments to doctors who treat elderly Medicare patients. REUTERS

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Wait just one minute. We hate falling into The Trap — the two-party conundrum in which we end up defending Democrats against outright lies and mischaracterizations despite our longstanding dissatisfaction with that party — but we're going to bite on this one. Just who is waging war on whom, here?

Republican noisemakers — including most of the current presidential candidates as well as leading legislators and right-leaning news pundits — have framed the Obama administration's efforts to ensure reproductive health care for all women as an attack on religious liberty; this despite an accommodation ensuring organizations like the Catholic Church (which benefit enormously from federal largesse) have absolutely no role in providing female health services.

Mitt Romney — who as Mass. governor presided over a similar insurance mandate system, even requiring Catholic hospitals to provide morning-after pills for rape victims — decries "the Obama Administration's attacks on religious liberty." Sarah Palin also calls it "a war on our religious liberties." Rick Santorum says Obama is "hostile to people of faith." Donald Trump says "[Obama] loves radical Islam."

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▶ Santorum is only hostile toward non-Christian faiths.

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- "Romney's Closer To Obama On Auto Bailout Than Either Lets On" **TALKING POINTS MEMO**
- "President Santorum Would Talk 'About the Dangers of Contraception'" **REASON MAGAZINE**
- "Obama Advisor Teamed Up With 'Swift Boat' GOP Consultant For Pro-Hedge Fund Campaign" **REPUBLIC REPORT**

Considering these comments — and many, many others — it certainly does seem that a war has been declared, though not the one these thought leaders would have us believe. See, there's an interesting quirk about religious liberty that these titans of the right seem to consistently overlook: That is, it necessarily applies to even non-Christian religions.

So when Newt Gingrich — who said last week that he would "repeal every act of religious bigotry put in by President Obama" — tells voters he would only hire Muslim workers after they pass a strict loyalty test, he shows himself as the true religious bigot. And when Trump accuses Obama of consorting with Islamist extremists, he actually implies that religious freedom is indeed high on the president's priorities (ignoring the fact that his statement has no basis in reality). Santorum's religious hypocrisy is revealed in his forceful denunciations of Sharia law — even as he pushes his own brand of Christian law on the nation. Palin strongly opposed building a mosque in New York City. Romney does not think "a cabinet position would be justified" for any Muslim.

Those most loudly accusing Obama of religious intolerance are in fact the most intolerant of all! Their concerns reflect only their incredibly narrow beliefs. Marginalizing one religion while playing the victim card over their own supposed persecution, these people don't care about liberty for anyone but themselves: They want to establish America as a Christian nation that imposes Christian beliefs on all. That's religious war.

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Macy's: Martha Stewart is holding us hostage

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. is "essentially holding Macy's hostage" by saying that its pact with the department store chain expires in January 2013, Macy's said in court papers in their contract dispute.

Macy's sued in January to stop New York-based Martha Stewart Living from executing an agreement to sell merchandise in J.C. Penney Co. stores. Macy's, based in Cincinnati, said it has the exclusive right to sell Martha Stewart-branded products in certain categories.

Martha Stewart Living fired back last week, accusing Macy's of breach of contract and saying that the retailer has stocked and priced Martha Stewart products in a manner that favors Macy's own private-label brands.

"The uncertainty created by MSLO's breach has put Macy's in an inequitable and untenable position," Macy's said in papers filed yesterday in New York state Supreme Court. "If the agreement were to actually expire in January 2013, Macy's would have to immediately begin seeking to replace and wind down the Martha Stewart product line at Macy's." **BLOOMBERG**

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▶ Martha Stewart Living said Macy's couldn't have exercised a five-year renewal option on the deal between the two companies because of the breach.

5% of Americans would get divorced to avoid commute

NEW YORK. Here's your thought experiment for the day: What would you be willing to give up if it meant you could work from home? For some, the answer is a lot more than you might think.

A third of Americans say they would ditch Facebook and other social media in order to telecommute, while nearly 30 percent say they would stop eating chocolate, according to a survey of 2,500 working-age adults by TeamViewer, a software company.

In fact, Americans love the idea of telecommuting so much that 5 percent of those surveyed said they would actually be willing to divorce their spouse if that meant they could stop commuting and work from home instead. **MAINSTREET.COM**

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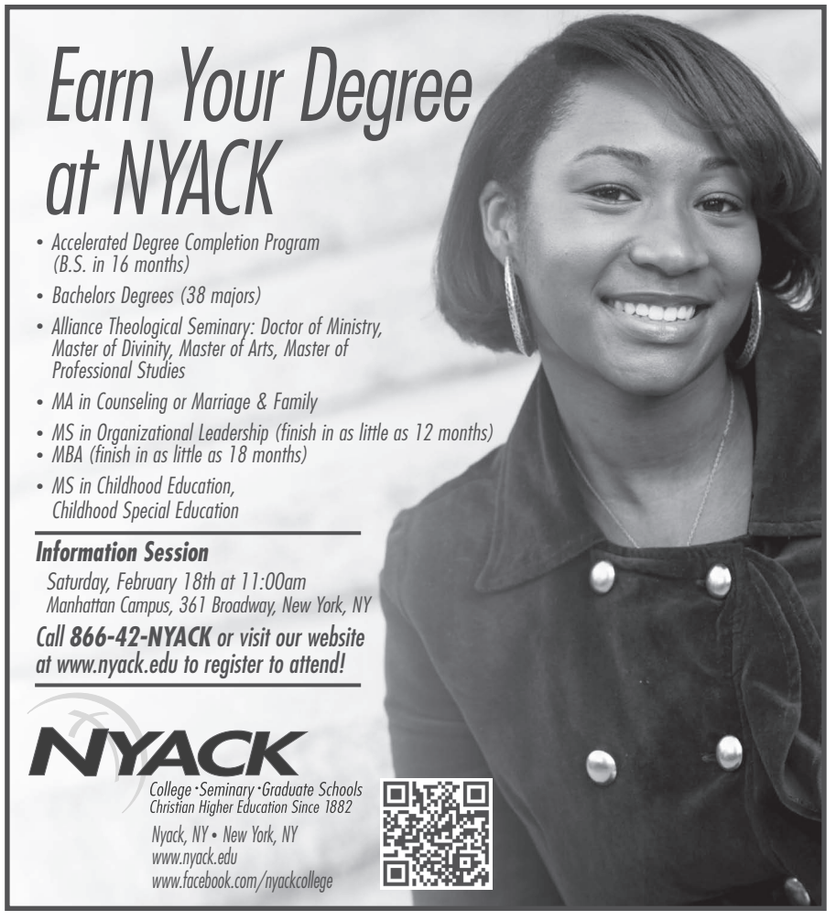

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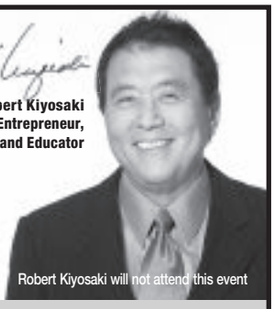

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Will Bobby Brown attend Whitney Houston's funeral?

Whitney Houston's funeral will be held on Saturday at her childhood church, the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, N.J., the church pastor said Tuesday night. The invitation-only funeral is expected to be attended by 1,500 or so people, with the public remaining uninvited. But there's one person whose inclusion on the guest list is still up in the air: Houston's ex-husband, **Bobby Brown**. TMZ reports that the singer is "extremely disappointed" after hearing that several members of Houston's family do not want him to attend Saturday's service. Apparently, Houston's family isn't "fond of him" (um, understatement of the century, TMZ). The site reports that Brown wants to go to support **Bobbi Kristina**, his daughter with Houston, but hasn't "decided on a plan of action yet."

However, we do know Brown will be on the East Coast this weekend, as he is scheduled to perform with his group, New Edition, on Saturday at the Mohegan Sun Arena. The Sun's publicist sent a release yesterday saying that, as of yesterday, Brown was still scheduled to perform.

▶ Makeshift memorials from fans are already going up at the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, N.J.

Chris Brown responds to haters

Good work, America. **Chris Brown** is taking all of the negative attention people have showered on him since Sunday's Grammy Awards to heart and is now on a Twitter rampage. He tweeted last night: "HATE ALL U WANT BECUZ I GOT A GRAMMY Now! That's the ultimate F— OFF!"

You know who else won a Grammy? **Milli Vanilli**. So don't put yourself in such high esteem there, bub.

▶ Brown

Winslet doesn't want to see herself in 3-D

Kate Winslet is bracing herself for the 3-D re-release of "Titanic," 15 years after it originally came out. The actress has already seen 17 minutes of footage, and it wasn't necessarily a pleasant experience. "I was literally like, 'Oh my God, make it stop. Is that me? Block my ears, somebody. Somebody club out my senses. Make it f—ng stop,'" Winslet tells USA Today. "I'm sure I wasn't really a very good actress. Seriously, we are talking about something that happened 15 years ago. It is a very long time ago."

Don't worry, Kate. We have a feeling everyone in the audience will have the same reaction.

Winslet

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Lady Gaga is looking for ways to relax, Stephen Fry is far from home, Kathy Griffin is reconsidering her choices and Alec Baldwin is setting his sights.

@ladygaga
Been working like a crazy b–ch all day. Need to smoke a joint or something; or maybe just a good punch in the face. PROPS PROPS PROPS.

@stephenfry
It's 6.50 am in Sydney. Got an hour or so to wait till the flight to Wellington and then I shall finally be in Hibbety-Hobbity land. Hurrah.

@kathygriffin
Should I have worn underwear???

@alecbaldwin
I want a Grammy. I just want it.

Griffin

Talking points

Seyfried dishes about Phillippe

While **Amanda Seyfried** and **Ryan Phillippe** never officially acknowledged they were dating at the time, Seyfried now says the whole thing was a mistake. When asked by Glamour magazine if she and Phillippe still keep in touch, Seyfriend says, "We don't. His situation is very difficult." She doesn't go into many details about what those difficulties are, though. "You know when two people shouldn't be together from the get-go? That's why [we split]," she says.

▶ Seyfried

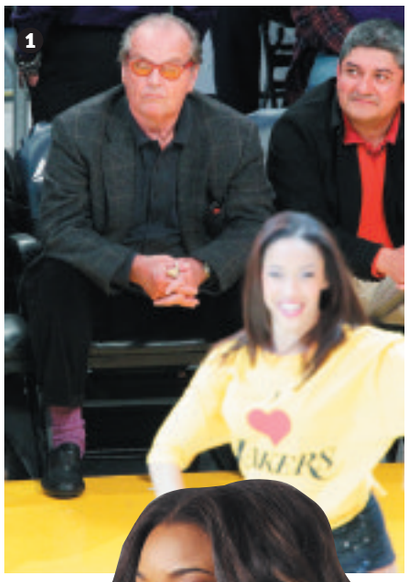
Jolie's down-to-earth worldview

Awards season may mean more gowns and red carpets than usual, which may be why **Angelina Jolie** has glitz and glamour on her mind. The actress and first-time director insists that's all just a part of the job — and not a terribly important one. "Every now and then I get a dress on and I walk a red carpet but it's kind of a funny thing you do," Jolie says, according to Radar Online. "It's a party you go to occasionally but it's not who you really are. It's all just part of the job. I have a real view of the real world, and I am very happy in the real world."

Brand has already moved on

While **Katie Perry** unveiled a new angry breakup song at the Grammys over the weekend, soon-to-be ex-husband **Russell Brand** was reportedly already enjoying the single life, taking in a show at comedy and music venue the Largo in Los Angeles with an attractive young woman by his side, according to the Sun. After the show, the two retired to his house, and Brand drove her home the next morning. "Russell is a single man again and starting to move on from Katy," a source tells the newspaper. "Like any bloke, he had missed female company. He isn't quite back to his old ways yet, but he's very much back in the saddle."

How the celebs spent Valentine's Day



1. Does he have his eye on his future Valentine? **Jack Nicholson** attended a basketball game between the Atlanta Hawks and the Los Angeles Lakers in Los Angeles.

2. Gabrielle Union strutted her stuff while on the red carpet at the premiere of Tyler Perry's "Good Deeds" at the Regal Cinemas L.A. Live in Los Angeles.

3. Gavin DeGraw performed onstage at Shepherds Bush Empire in London.

4. Tony Bennett accepted a key to the city at San Francisco City Hall, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first performance of "I Left My Heart In San Francisco" in — where else? — San Francisco.

5. "Jersey Shore" star **Pauly D** hosted a party at Pacha for lovers and singles alike in New York City.

6. Dita Von Teese posed following a performance of "Sleep No More" in New York City.

7. Jaqson Johnston-Lynch, 8 years old, presented **Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge** a bouquet of flowers after her visit to the charity The Brink, an alcohol-free bar which is a social enterprise run primarily to help people recovering from alcohol and drug addiction in Liverpool, England.

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Talkin' 'bout 'Re:Generation'

Producers Mark Ronson and DJ Premier on working outside of their comfort zones ◗ New film pairs producers with musicians, genres and cities that are new to them

It's not easy to throw Mark Ronson for a loop. Having produced such varied acts as Amy Winehouse, Duran Duran and Nas, he was eager to get involved in a fish-out-of-water musical experience like "Re:Generation," the new film which pairs producers with unlikely musicians.

"I came from being a hip-hop DJ in New York, starting off in the '90s and that's what you did, you brought genres together," says Ronson. "That has always appealed to me."

For his part, Ronson brings one of his favorite backing bands, the Dap-Kings, to New Orleans to create a jazz song with Erykah Badu, Trombone Shorty, Mos Def and drummer Joseph "Zigaboo" Modeliste.

"We were all pretty much just going into it with Zigaboo as a complete hero of all of ours," says Ronson. "The way he plays drums and his drum breaks from the early Meters stuff are pretty much the DNA of hip-hop and funk, and we were all excited beyond belief to play with him. And he still plays and sounds like he did on those records that we grew up listening to!"

Elsewhere in the film, DJ Premier visits Boston to work with the Berklee Symphony Orchestra, Skrillex works with the surviving members of The Doors in Los Angeles, The Crystal Method go to Detroit to work with Martha Reeves of the Vandellas and the Funk Brothers, while Pretty Lights struggles to create something country with LeAnn Rimes and Dr. Ralph Stanley.

"I saw it in the trailer that there's a little tension and some serious culture and generational gaps going on, and I'm a little bit concerned that our thing is going to seem a bit boring," says Ronson, whose composition really does seem to come together quite organically. He says a key to the kinship was hanging out.

"We all just learned a lot and had a great time down in New Orleans," he says. "We went to this kind of alternative scene bar where like 80 percent of the dudes had full face tattoos and they were playing this music called bounce, and we just absorbed all of New Orleans, not just its traditional culture."

BRIAN NEVINS

▶ Mark Ronson, center, jams with members of the Dap-Kings, Zigaboo Modeliste and Trombone Shorty. "Re:Generation" screens tonight and again on Feb. 23 at AMC Empire 25, Clearview Chelsea and IndieScreen in Brooklyn. Visit www.regenerationmusicproject.com for more info.

Premier premieres

DJ Premier may have had the assignment that was least similar to what he regularly does. The hip-hop producer, known for his work with rappers like Snoop Dogg and Kanye West, had to create a piece of classical music. "I really enjoyed having the chance to learn something new," says Premier. Granted access to classical greats, Premo sampled various composers to piece his ideas together. Then he collaborated with Berklee professor Stephen Webber, who transcribed the samples into written music. "Working with everyone on this was just dope," says Premier. ● G. VALENTINO BALL

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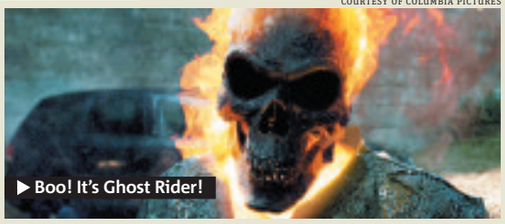

▶ Boo! It's Ghost Rider!

1 'Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance' Are you totally over all the sappy Valentine's Day stuff? Maybe a flaming, chain-wielding skeleton atop a motorcycle will do the trick for you. The Nicholas Cage franchise about a man afflicted with spirit of the Ghost Rider returns, this time to save a child possessed by the devil.

2 'This Means War' It's not unrealistic to picture two men fighting over Reese Witherspoon, but if those two men are Chris Pine and Tom Hardy, playing stealthy spies sabotaging each other's attempts to woo her, well that makes it unbelievable and possibly awesome.

3 'The Secret World of Arrietty' The Japanese adaptation of the classic book "The Borrowers" boasts a voice cast that includes Will Arnett and Amy Poehler.

4 'Safe House' Denzel Washington heads up this tense thriller about a highly skilled rebel CIA agent who, after being on the lam for 11 years, turns himself in without explanation.

5 'Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace' Do you think you might like Jar Jar Binks a little more if you could see him in 3-D? George Lucas hopes so.

6 'The Vow' Rachel McAdams elevates this rom-com about a woman who gets amnesia and can't remember who her husband is.

7 'Thin Ice' An insurance salesman (Greg Kinnear) believes he's found a way to make some quick cash, but his plan to steal one of his client's valuables goes off the rails once a con man (Billy Crudup) gets involved.

8 'Perfect Sense' Ewan McGregor and Eva Green star as a chef and a scientist, respectively, who begin to fall in love just as a global health epidemic causes the entire population to lose their sense of smell, then taste, and then ... ?

9 'Kill List' Don't call it a horror movie. Don't call it a hit man movie. "Kill List" is unlike anything you've ever seen before. The last 15 minutes will leave you haunted for days.

10 'W.E.' As a woman that is both loved and reviled, Madonna seems like the appropriate choice to direct a film about Wallis Simpson, the married American woman who captured the heart of King Edward VIII. He was so committed to marrying her that he abdicated the thrown to his stuttering brother, King George VI.

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TV watch list

CHRIS HASTON/NBC

▶ "Parks and Recreation" puts Leslie in the middle.

'Parks and Recreation'

COMEDY. The lack of a new "Parks and Rec" episode last week is more than made up for tonight, when guest star Louis C.K. returns as Leslie's cop ex-boyfriend, Dave. The reunion becomes just slightly awkward when Leslie, stumping for the support of the chief of police, introduces Dave to Ben, her current beau. **8:30 p.m., NBC**

'The Mentalist'

DRAMA. Looking for a "Homeland" fix? Here ya go: Morena Baccarin guest stars as a murderer Jane helped imprison, but has furloughed in exchange for info she claims to have on a CBI charity worker's murder. **10 p.m., CBS**

'Hook, Line & Dinner'

REALITY. Ben Sargent's fish-focused foodie tour of the U.S. returns to provide Lent recipe inspiration. **Season premiere, 8 p.m., Cooking Channel**

'Project Runway All Stars'

REALITY. Prepare ye the way of the fashion-savvy lord! The designers create a look for the Broadway revival of the rock musical "Godspell." **9 p.m., Lifetime**

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The mystery behind 'Kill List'

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▶ Don't call this guy the Wicker Man. "Kill List" is in theaters now.

A lot of fans are out for blood when it comes to British director Ben Wheatley. His second and latest film, "Kill List," has largely been billed as a hit-man film mixed with kitchen-sink drama. But not even the savviest viewer could guess the stunning end to the movie. Some were enraged by the wild left turn the movie takes in its last few moments, but fans took to the discussion boards to hash out its true meaning.

A word of warning: If you want to enjoy this film, don't look it up online. Why? Because Wheatley admits that some of the fans are right about their theories on the significance of the ending.

"I've not seen any analysis that's way off, or people [who] have been completely confused by the storytelling to the point where they make up these things that were genuinely not our intention," he says. "I think all the information is definitely there for a reasonably definitive reading of it. But the idea of coming out of the cinema not quite knowing what happened is not new. I didn't come out of 'Inland Empire' cursing David Lynch going, 'Damn him and his inconsistent storytelling skills!'"

Though "Kill List" has been embraced critically, Wheatley has an understanding for those who were frustrated with the film.

"Where the tension comes from it all is when you take genre fans and you show them stuff that is half genre and half not genre. I think people can get antsy about that," he explains. "It's the crowds that wanted to go see a hit-man film who I think get the angriest."

But back to that "kitchen-sink drama" that's always discussed in regards to the central couple of the film, Jay and Shel, who have vicious fights before Jay leaves for a hit job.

"From an American perspective, I think [kitchen-sink drama] just means British films about Britain," Wheatley says with a laugh. "We had the same thing with [previous release] 'Down Terrace' — people would say 'They live in squalor in these tiny houses.' But that's Britain. All the houses are tiny."

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Wheatley's top picks

We asked director Ben Wheatley to discuss some films that have influenced his work. Get thee to Netflix.

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- "The Manchurian Candidate" (1962)
- "The Parallax View" (1974)
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▶ ***Greg: Thanks for making the toast and not killing the cats.***

▶ *AW, suas mensagens me fazem muito feliz. —GA*

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Is it really a relationship or just great chemistry?

George Clooney was married once, and he has famously said that he will never do that again. But it is hard not to wonder if each of his girlfriends thinks that she might be the one to change his mind. Or do you think they take him at his word? It's a common conundrum, and you certainly don't have to be dating George Clooney to think you just might be special enough to be The One. After all, you probably ask yourself, how could he not feel that amazing connection between you?

So what do you do when you meet a guy and even though he's clear from the beginning that he's not interested in getting involved in a serious relationship, the signals he gives you when you're together tell you something else? You have a great time together, you share many things in common, you laugh a lot and the sex is fantastic. Who wouldn't want to keep that going? Or what if he isn't up front about it, but after a few months he shows no interest in meeting your friends and family, he won't introduce you to his and he's still available only one night a week, if not less? What initially seemed like a great opportunity is now suddenly starting to make you feel disappointed and needy. When you're with him it feels great, but when you aren't he is evasive and slow to return texts and e-mails.

Save yourself the trouble. If you are lucky enough that he is actually open about not wanting a relationship, believe him. And if he is showing you the signs that he doesn't, then take those to heart and stop hoping for more than he is already giving you. A healthy connection grows when new building blocks are added on. If that isn't happening, it is your signal that an block is still in place.

For all of you out there hoping to be the second Mrs. Clooney, listen up: If George says it isn't going to happen, it probably isn't.

▶ Oh Stacy, you just can't tame George Clooney's wild, wild heart.

— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** *is creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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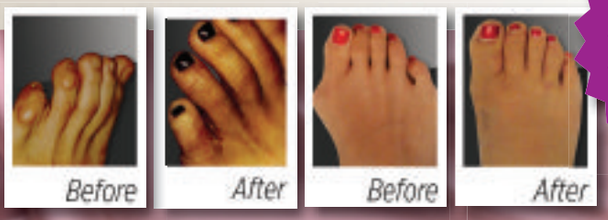

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COVERED-UP COOL

Marc Jacobs, Tory Burch and Sophie Theallet are a few of the designers showing longer hemlines and buttoned-up looks for fall

Prim is in

Reviews

1 Marc by Marc Jacobs

Was it a mid-century Russian military moment? Or French student activists caught mid-protest? Or New York hipsters channeling '80s Irish punks? It's always an interesting exercise guessing which references go into a Marc Jacobs show. One thing we can say for sure, the austerity of his secondary line made quite a contrast from the evocative eccentricity he showed for his main line a few nights earlier. But the intelligent plays on volume and proportion were still there. His Marc by Marc Jacobs girls had an untouchable, buttoned-up seriousness to them with wide, knee-length skirts, oversized military jackets, boxy coats and crisp Oxford shirts that obscured the body to the point of almost de-sexualizing it. Hormonal club kids, they were not. Glossy officer's drum hats; lace-up, high-top boots; and a color palette of mostly charcoal, black and white — with the occasional pops of red and blue — added to the overall intensity. KENYA HUNT

2 Tory Burch

Set in Alice Tully Hall's floor-to-ceiling glass lobby, Tory Burch's fall show stopped traffic on 65th Street yesterday morning. Commuters stood outside, mesmerized by the pretty young things and the lovely creations they wore. We suspect that's the same reaction any woman wearing Burch's ultra-feminine clothes will receive. Models with their hair pinned in French twists came down the runway in ladylike tweed cardigans; knee-length skirts; and dreamy chiffon, tulle and organza separates fit for a princess — or UES royalty. Maybe the Kate Middleton effect set into the subconscious of New York designers, because fall is all prim and proper. There were moments of this good girl gone bad, though — the show notes say Burch's girl falls for the wrong kind of guy. Body-hugging silhouettes and skintight leather pants hinted at some naughty behavior — which is great, because nice girls like to have fun, too. TINA CHADHA

3 J.Crew

The room was so crowded that editors could hardly get close enough to the models to see the clothes. That's how big of a draw the J.Crew presentation has become. The main attraction was — as is always the case with J.Crew — Jenna Lyons' unique take on sportswear, which famously includes a modern, offbeat mix of print, texture, color and ideas. This season, it was produced under Tom Mora, Lyons' new head of women's design, with Manolo Blahnik creating the special capsule collection of pumps. It all came together to

The newbies

Here are two very different NYFW freshmen worth remembering. KENYA HUNT

Tanya Taylor

Backstory: The Canadian studied at two of the fashion world's best schools, Central Saint Martins and Parsons. And she has experience under her belt designing for the Olsens' popular line, Elizabeth and James.

The look: Edgy, urban sportswear with an offbeat, girly twist

Why you should care: Consider Taylor the next Carven with her accessible, contemporary clothes that read high-fashion without breaking the bank.

Skaist-Taylor

Backstory: Pamela Skaist-Levy and Gela Nash-Taylor are no strangers to fashion: They founded Juicy Couture, which they sold to Liz Claiborne. But their names don't necessarily come to mind when thinking about New York Fashion Week. Their new line is an attempt to start fresh.

The look: Hollywood girl about town — think Rachel Zoe, Kim Kardashian and Jennifer Lopez all rolled into one.

Why you should care: If you take your style cues from magazines like People StyleWatch, then make a mental note, because this duo's work is sure to pop up on a slew of L.A. celebutantes.

create a rich-looking mix for work and play. The best moments from the collection were the most unexpected, such as a Fair Isle sweater tied casually around the waist of a glittery sapphire colored dress, which was worn quirkily over a crisp white button down. On paper it sounds bizarre and wrong, but styled together it made for a cool, fresh take on fashion's proverbial day-to-night dressing. Meanwhile, a pair of spotted, tailored, black-and-white trousers worn with a contrasting mint-colored zigzag sweater and trim tan coat was classic J.Crew at its best. KH

4 Sophie Theallet

Here's a bright spot for fall: Sophie Theallet's take on femininity played on a single Baroque print in a variety of rich colors and textures. The graphic appeared either as one layer of an ensemble or piled on with other pieces of the same print, such as a jade vest over a wine turtleneck with a purple satin pencil skirt — all in her Baroque pattern. It sounds a bit much, but looked artfully put together and yet carefree. You can see a quirky girl having fun and standing out among a sea of uniform grays and blacks. There were some noteworthy solid-color pieces, too: a bright red satin dress boasted sex appeal; cropped red or purple pants screamed "working girl's best friend" (perfect with flats for the office or heels for after-hours); and an ivory halter dress played peek-a-boo, revealing red straps on an otherwise bare back. TC

5 Diesel Black Gold

The first look in Diesel's high-end line was a black-and-white sweater with a print of a woman crying. What followed was a collection with an "I'm not taking any crap" attitude. Sophia Kokosalaki sent out menswear-inspired separates in sleek black leather, leopard print and pony hair. There were cropped vests, slouchy pants, a denim shirt, boxy blazers and low-slung leather skirts. Jeans, when they did make an appearance, came in prints and cropped at the ankle. It was a cool, edgy collection of looks that Alice from "Resident Evil" would totally wear in her downtime. Or, you know, you, when you want to feel a little badass. TC

Spotted front row

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1. **Viola Davis**, **Anna Wintour** and **Maria Sharapova** at Vera Wang
2. **Dakota Fanning** and **Natalie Portman** at Rodarte
3. **Matt Damon** and **Luciana Barroso** at Naeem Khan
4. **Leighton Meester** at Vera Wang

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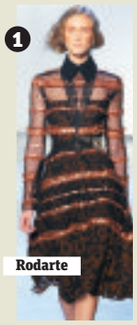
Trending

1. **The stiff collar** (Rodarte, Marc by Marc Jacobs, Victoria Beckham)
2. **Knee-grazing skirts** (Narciso Rodriguez, Oscar de la Renta, Rodarte)
3. **Outsized outerwear** (Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs, Bibhu Mohapatra)



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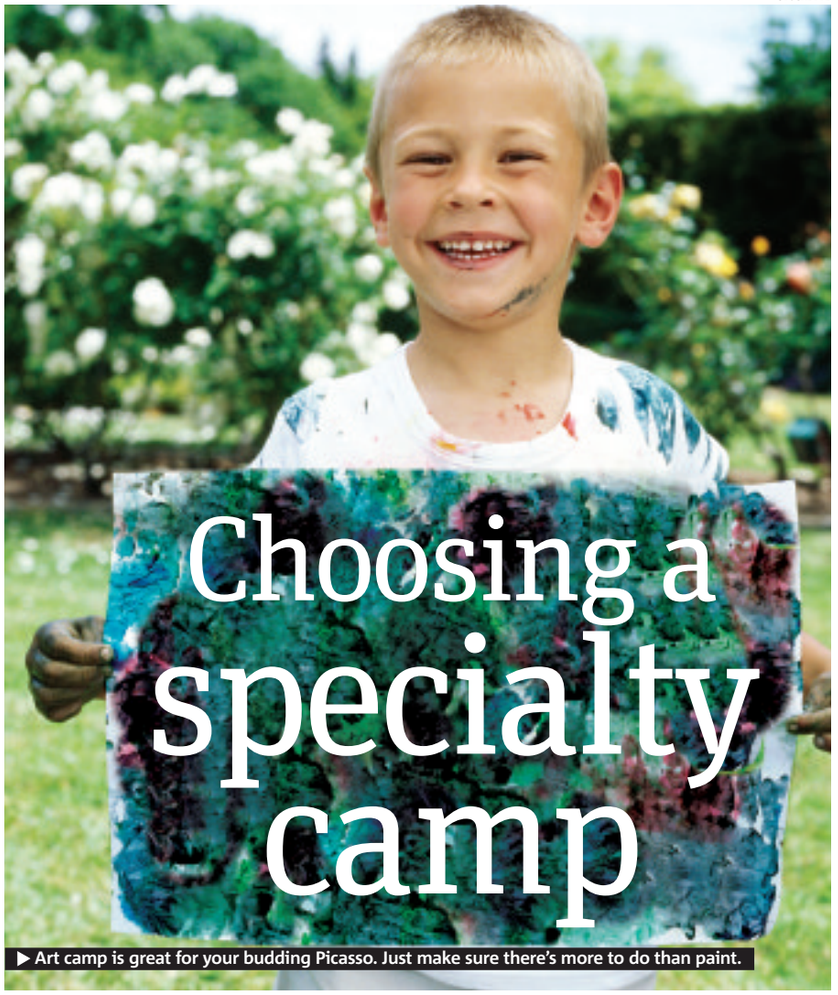

Choosing a specialty camp

▶ Art camp is great for your budding Picasso. Just make sure there's more to do than paint.

▶ Day camps offer more than crafts and games these days ▶ While focused sessions are great, make sure they're fun ▶ Building relationships is still an important aspect

Over the last 20 years, parents and children have increasingly approached summer day camps as an opportunity to hone in on a specific talent — from athletics and music to science and theater. But many in the industry report a pushback in recent years: Parents and children may be looking for a specialty camp but, increasingly, they also want aspects of the traditional day camp model, chock full of swimming, crafts and low-pressure fun.

"As kids get older, they might develop really specific interests, but for the really young children, I think it's helpful to experience a wide range of things," says Dr. Jennifer Goldberg, director of elementary education at Fairfield University. "More and more there are camps that specialize in one area, but still offer other activities. But I would follow up with that. Sometimes camps advertise the variety, but they don't really invest in those other activities."

Nancy Heraghty is director of Destination Science camps, with locations in four different states. While children in the DS camp spend the bulk of their time in science-related activities, Heraghty is also adamant about investing in traditional summer fun activities. Along with robot building, the camp features relay races, capture the flag and other unabashed glee. "We want them to experience the friendship and the lighthearted joy of summer," she explains. "For us, it's as much about building relationships as it is about learning science."

BRUCE WALSH
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When choosing an arts camp

Arts camps can be a great way for kids to learn a new skill or further explore an existing talent. Just make sure that your child is genuinely interested in the area and that the program is dynamic enough to hold his or her attention.

"It's important to look at the structure of the activities. You should ask: Will the child spend a lot of time waiting for their turn, or will the time be structured, so that they're really involved?" says Goldberg. "I encourage people to really examine their child's comfort level in that area. If it's something new, it will be important to have a smaller teacher to student ratio."

Note to parents:

You need to relax.

▶ "If I had a 4- or a 5-year-old, my advice would be to relax a little. Let the kid find what he likes about camp. You have to make sure they're in a safe, fun environment, and then just let them breathe," says Howard Betterman, owner and director of Sesame/Rockwood Camps in Pennsylvania. "The older they get, the parent might notice a strong interest. But there's always the possibility of doing a one-week specialty camp, and a couple weeks of a more traditional model."

Staff, variety make for happy campers

Connie Coutellier can tell you all you need to know about the summer day camp business. She wrote the book on that subject — literally. "Day Camp from Day One: A Hands-On Guide for Day Camp Administrators" is an industry standard. She is the former president of the American Camp Association and the former programs director for Camp Fire USA.

What are the basics to look for when choosing a summer day camp?
I would certainly want to know that they're accredited by the American Camp Association. Not all are. They need to go through a rigorous process of 300 standards to do so.

Does the ACA certify specialized camps, like music or soccer camps?
Yes. And in that case, you want to know that they're doing other things besides soccer or music. They may be spending the majority of their time on soccer or horseback riding or swimming, but what other kinds of things do they do? Variety is really important, especially the younger the child is.

"Variety is really important, especially the younger the child is."
CONNIE COUTELLIER

What's the core ingredient that makes for a great day camp?
Staffing. When a child is in a group with staff that is caring and concerned and looking out for that child's safety, that child is going to have a great experience.

If you were personally looking to place your child in a day camp, what are the things you would look for?
First, I would look at their staffing process: screening and training, how old they are, the ratio of staff to camper. I'd want them to be able to articulate their activities to me, and I'd want to make sure my child is interested in them. If I was a working parent, I'd want to know if there is extended-day possibilities. That is key for so many people. BRUCE WALSH

By the numbers

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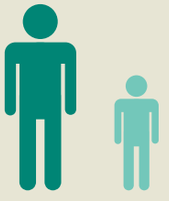
▶ How many counselors are looking after these kiddos?

ACA recommended staff-to-camper ratios, by age group:



Check up on staff ratios

The American Camp Association is a nonprofit organization that creates industry standards — such as staff-to-camper ratios — for day camps in the United States. They also inspect and certify camps nationwide.

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9-14 years old	1	10
15-18 years old	1	12

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Religion in politics: Healthy debate

RE: "OBAMA POLICIES NOT AN ATTACK ON FAITH": I'm so glad you published my letter, because it actually got people talking and so many views came out on both sides which was great. 2012 will be an interesting election. With the debt problems we have, it probably won't matter who wins now; but let's see. Let's have more dialogue and somehow maybe common ground can be found somewhere — heck, anywhere!
JOHN L. HEMPHILL III, VIA E-MAIL

The establishment and free exercise clauses of the First Amendment were intended to ensure that Americans never have to put the demands of the federal government ahead of their own conscious or religious beliefs. The benefits or drawbacks from birth control is not the issue. The issue is whether government can force private employers and private citizens to violate their religious principles simply because they run a business or pay taxes.
KELLY DONNOE, LYNBROOK

Firstly, Obama is requiring contraception, not abortion support. Though the author of the previous letter may dislike them both equally, they aren't the same, and it is childish to use the words interchangeably just to start a flame war. Secondly, Obama isn't working to oppress people's religious freedom; he's working to keep your religious freedom from encroaching on my freedoms. If your boss were a Jehovah's Witness, and therefore believed that God was the only one allowed to cure diseases, and therefore refused to provide his or her employees with any health insurance, would you object then? Inflicting your views on others is oppression — until you're doing it in the name of religion.
LARISSA SUPNIK, VIA E-MAIL

Like the Catholic Church, I too was offended and outraged by Nicki Minaj's performance. Not because it was blasphemous, but because it was completely devoid of any talent whatsoever!
ROBERT LA ROSA, WHITESTONE

Don't trust your gut on spending cuts

RE: "TIME FOR CHANGE: CUTS, CUTS AND CUTS": Mr Haugen: Although the logic behind the statements made by Mr. Lew are beyond you, the truth behind the statements is unaltered. If people with no education in certain areas would stop believing their gut over mathematical certainties, the country would be better off as a whole.
MARK AQUINO, VIA E-MAIL

I'd like just once for critics of President Obama, Sterlin Richman especially, to please identify actual policies the president has put into place whereby "big government will control everything." These histrionics of theirs are getting downright embarrassing for the rest of us.
JOSEPH CONNELL, BROWNSVILLE

Democrats want to protect entitlement programs like Medicare and Social Security. Republicans don't want to raise taxes. They can both have their way! Cease all foreign military intervention, end the "Drug War," and stop corporate welfare for banks. If we do those things, we can have the best of both worlds.
RYAN WILHELMI, VIA E-MAIL

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♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** A joint endeavor could prove to be particularly fortunate for you, due to an involvement with someone who is as serious and ambitious as you are.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Expect to be popular, because you'll employ your gift of making everyone feel special even more than usual. This always leads to constructive relationships and good times.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Unusually numerous opportunities regarding your job or career currently surround you. Someone at the top could be eyeing your work and liking what they see.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Even though it might be more work, it goes without saying that when you use your organizational and managerial skills more effectively, you get exceptional results. It pays to put in the time.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Express your individuality by utilizing your artistic and creative touches at work. These skills will go a long way toward making you stand out from the middling crowd.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you put forth your best effort, you should be able to amplify even further something good that you already have going. Think in expansive terms.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** The possibility for personal acquisition is exceptionally good at this time, owing to two special factors: one is your ability and the other is Lady Luck.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Arousing enthusiasm in others will come easy to you, and you'll have no trouble getting folks to voluntarily participate in things that you feel are priorities. Making your interests appealing should be a snap.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Things have a way of going much better when we maintain an air of mystery and/or secrecy about our lives. Keep both your financial and domestic affairs to yourself.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Take care not to unintentionally put material things above your involvements with close friends. Constructive relationships shouldn't and can't be measured in worldly terms.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If your objectives are more lofty and noble than usual, it's likely that you will find yourself to be unusually lucky. Unselfish gestures have a way of producing unique rewards.
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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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What inspired you to start cooking?
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Q&A

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What's your favorite item on the menu?
The tartine, because it's the hardest thing to sell so far. People are afraid of white anchovies. It's funny because if you go to a tapas place, it's a given that you're going to get white anchovies.

Favorite thing to cook at home?
Anything I don't have to cook — delivery, Chinese food. I like eating off the trucks. I don't like to go crazy.

Where do you draw your culinary inspiration?
Just life. Just being in New York. There is so much to draw from here. You have every culture in the world. As much as we hate New York, we love it. I've lived here my whole life. I draw my inspiration from the city and things that I want to eat — things I think people will want to eat.

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Hot Chef

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This time of year, people are understandably suspicious about new holidays. But Feb. 22 does not require you to make reservations or buy flowers or even spend time with loved ones. No, weary Valentine Santa — National Margarita Day is all about you and a bottle of tequila.

Because not all margaritas were created equal, we checked in with the experts to get your party started.

Start with a nice tequila

This one is important for both Feb. 22 and the morning of Feb. 23.

"The secret to a really good margarita is a really great tequila — you want to be able to drink more than one," says Tequila Avion President Jenna Fagnan. "Your tequila has to be 100 percent natural agave, not blended, which we call mixto. Even some of the high-end ones will add caramel coloring."

If you're past the point of reading labels, try Fagnan's pucker test: "With really phenomenal tequila, you'll get less of a burn, so you don't get a tequila face."

But not too nice

David Becker knows his way around a salted rim. After a stint at a California tequila bar, he's now the general manager of Philly's Verdad restaurant, which hosts a "Tequila University." He reaches for Don Julio 1942 when off the clock, but don't make him put it in a shaker. "We will not allow you to add that to a drink," he jokes (at least we think). "Someone wanted a frozen strawberry margarita with it — we tried to convince him not to, but that's what he wanted."

Eat something other than nachos

Tequila has a rep as a party girl, but she's just at home with a thought-out meal as wine. "We're trying to dispel some of the myths about tequila," says Becker. "It's a legitimate spirit, not just something that you take shots of with your friends. It's something you can pair with food."

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If you must pre-mix ...

Pre-made mixes are full of calories, sugar and hangovers. But if someone shows up with a bottle, you can at least make it taste better. Fagnan recommends adding fresh lime juice and mixing up the rims — chipotle sugar, anyone?

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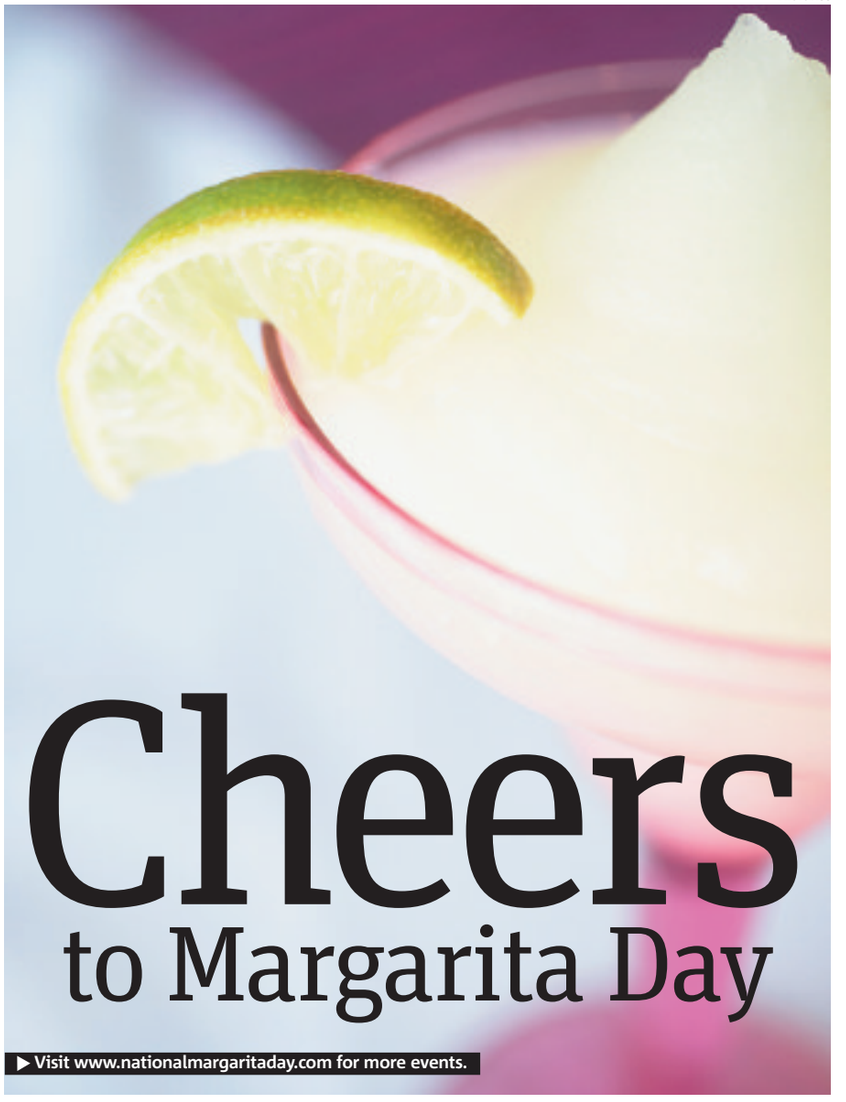

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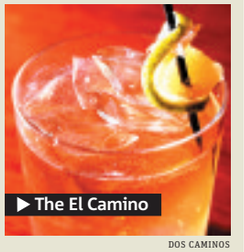

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JERSEY BOYS is giving theatergoers one more reason see it this winter—it's called their "Winter Weather Guarantee." The producers of this blockbuster megahit are making sure that no matter what happens this season, ticketholders aren't left out in the cold. So for the winter months, if you can't get to the theatre because of the weather, you can exchange your tickets for another performance. It's a simple enough thing to do and there's hope that it will give consumers the reassurance that whatever mother-nature brings this season, consumers won't have to worry about what to do with those show tickets.

Frequent theatergoer Cara Christman said, "I sometimes hesitate buying tickets too far in advance in the winter because I don't know what the weather's going to be. But if I knew I could turn my tickets in if anything happened — sure, that would be great news for me."

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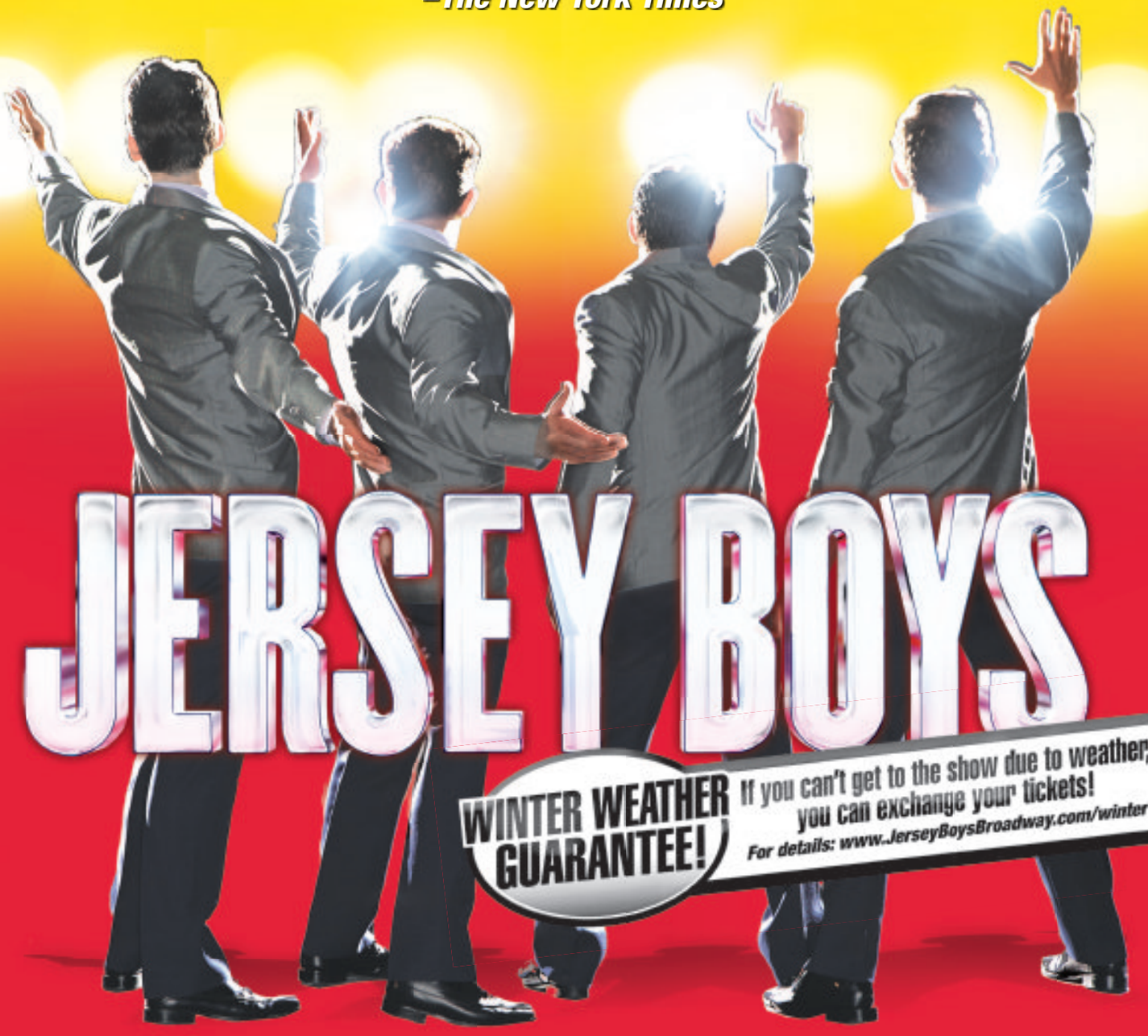

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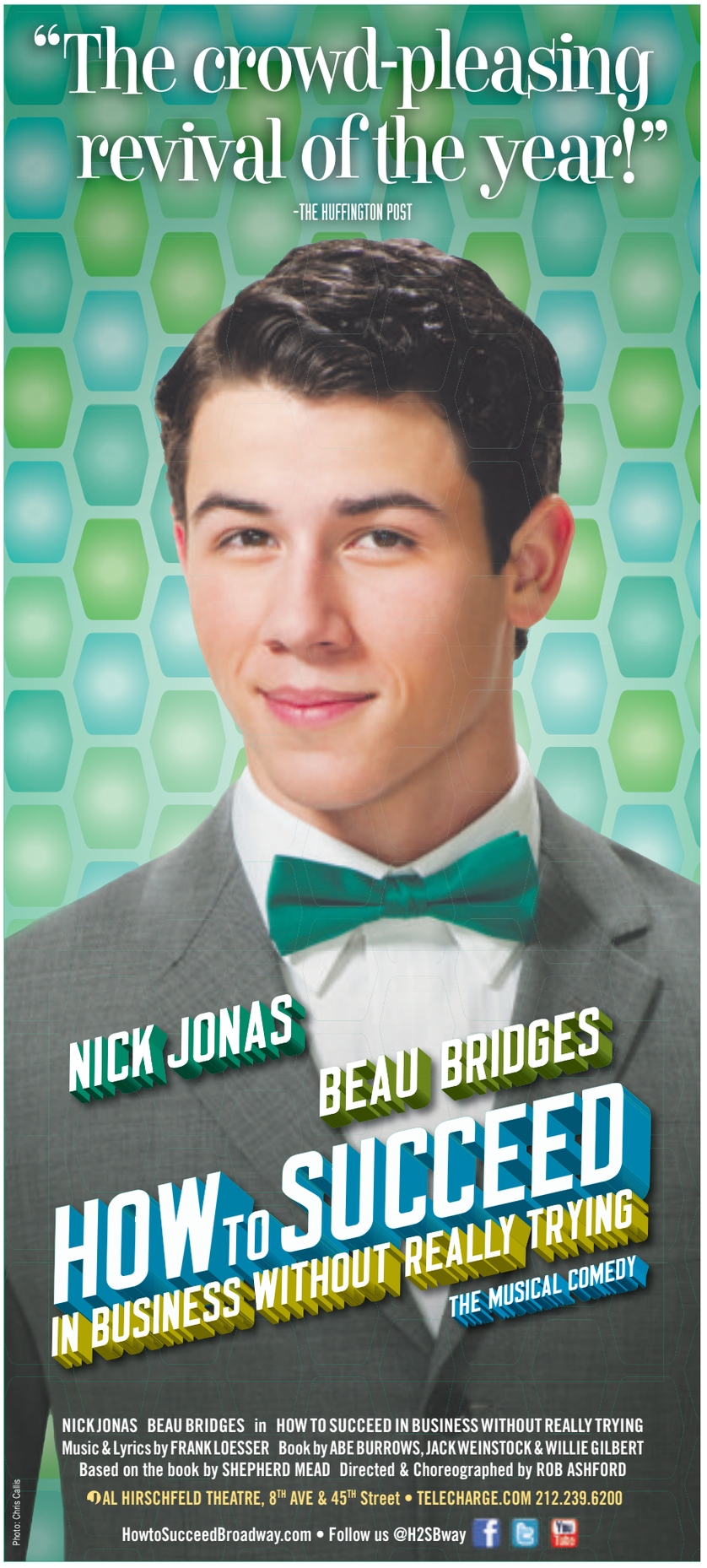

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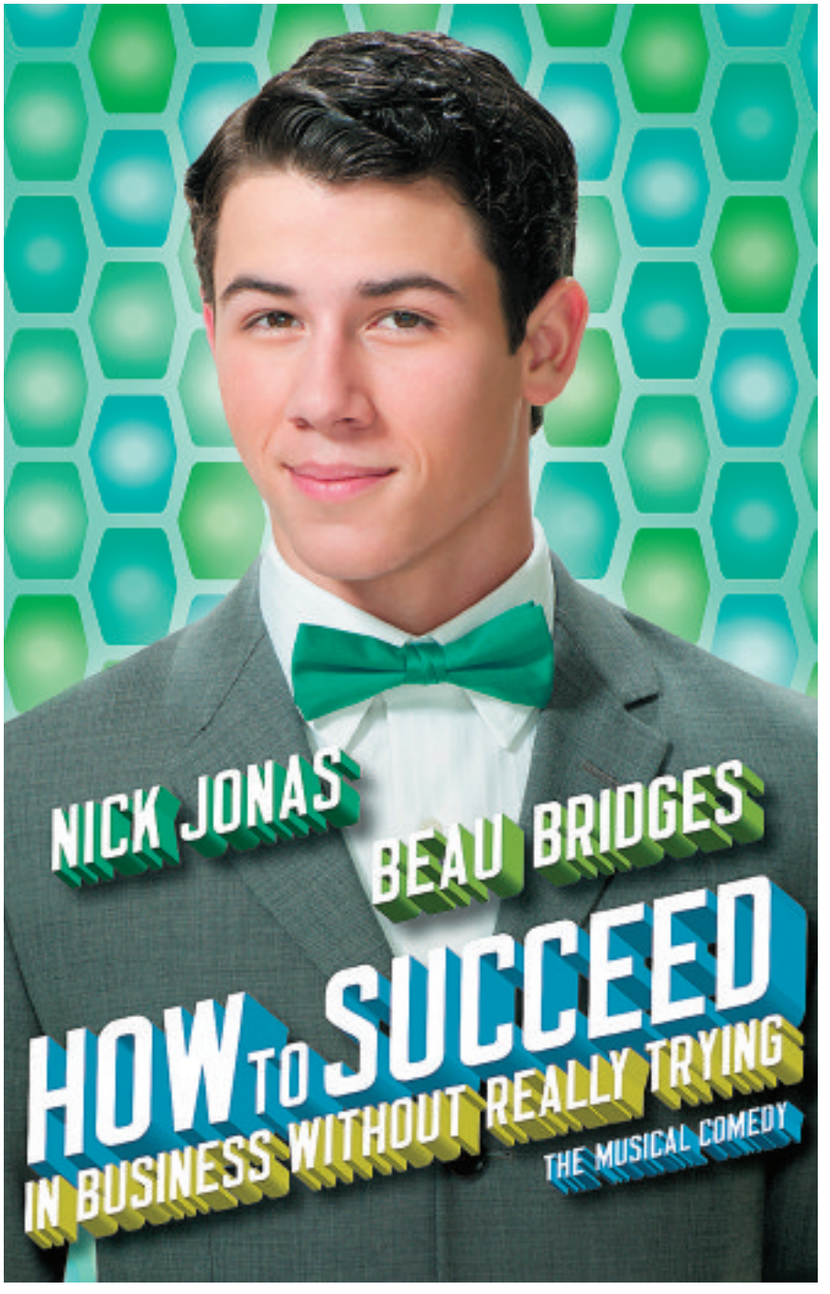

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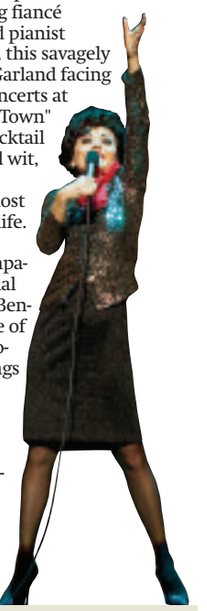

Along with the accompaniment of a sensational onstage band, Tracie Bennett brings alive some of Garland's most memorable and beloved songs including: "The Man That Got Away," "The Trolley Song," "Come Rain or Come Shine," and, of course, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

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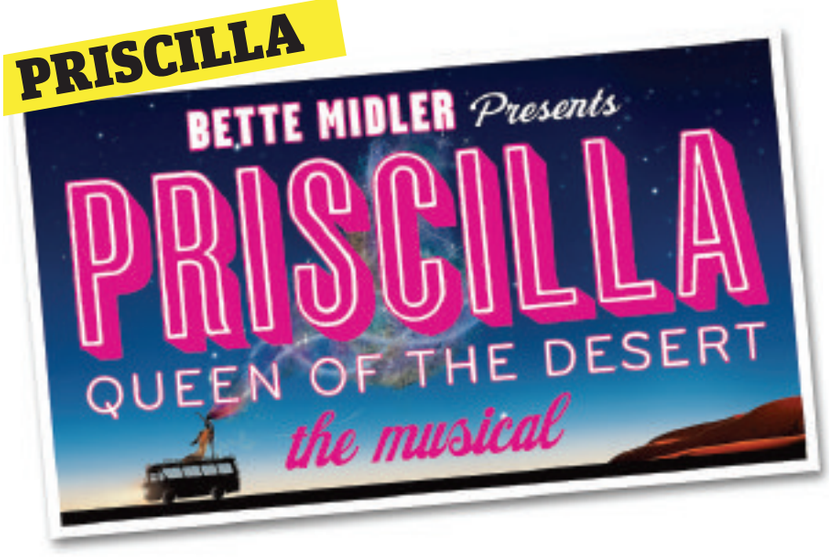

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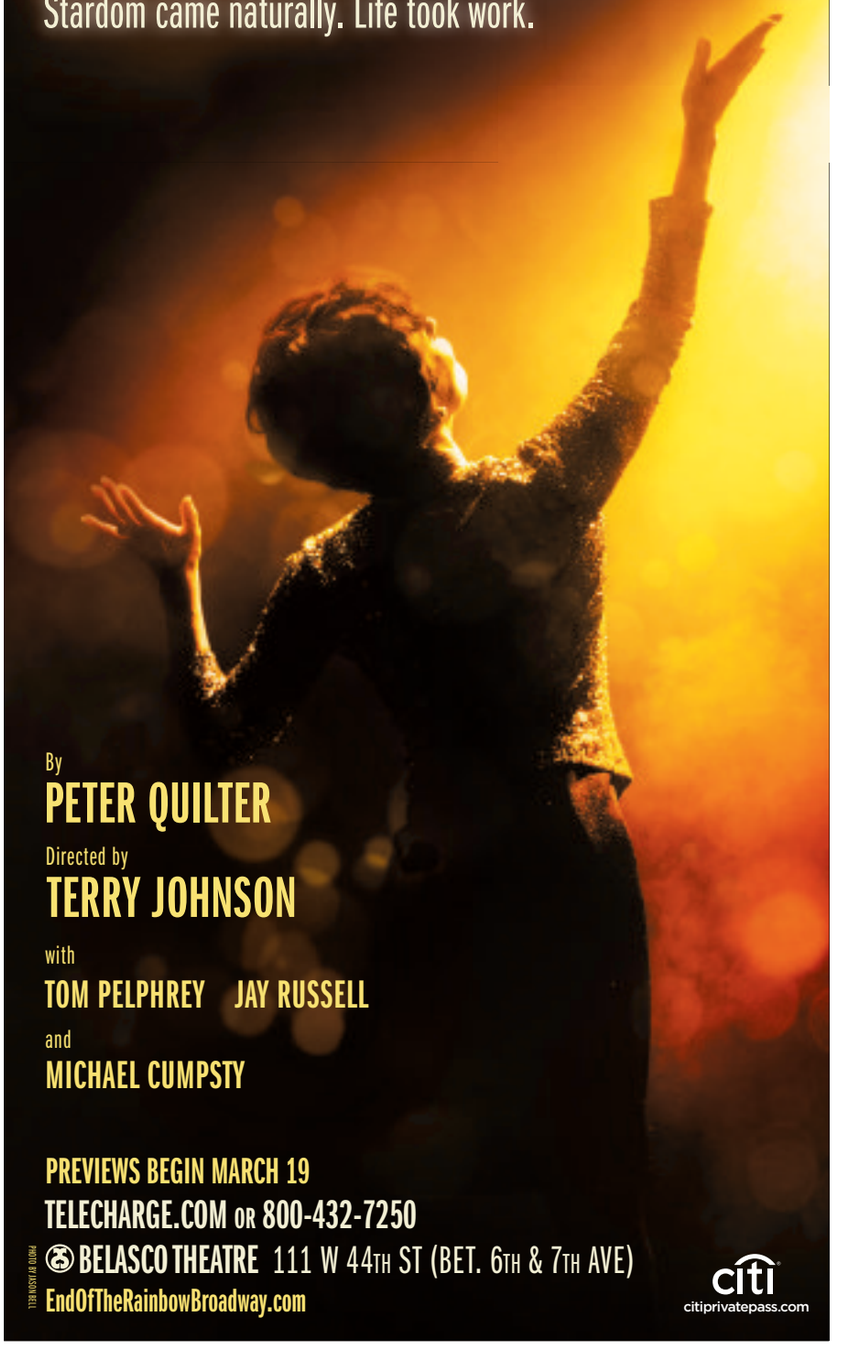

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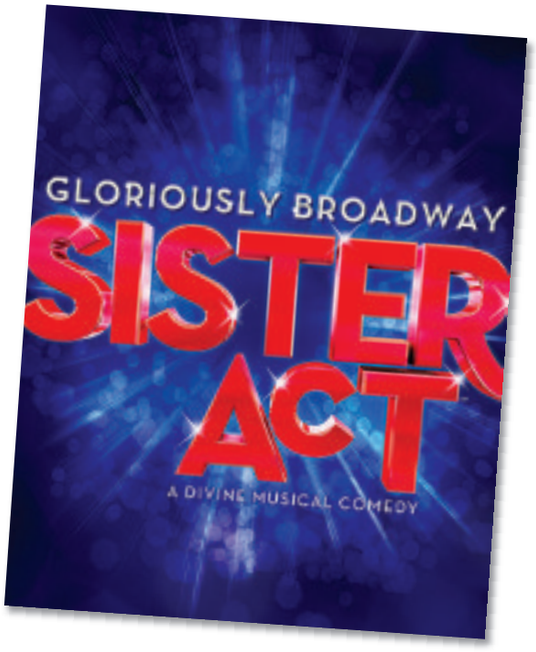

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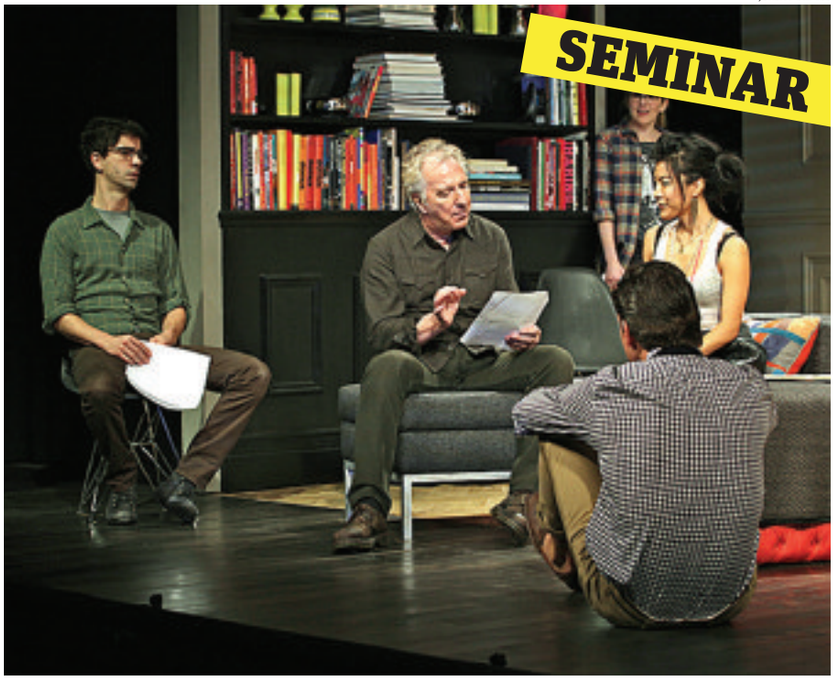

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FUERZA BRUTA comes from the same duo that created the groundbreaking/ convention-shattering De La Guarda: Diqui James (creator/artistic director) and Gaby Kerpel (musical director/composer).

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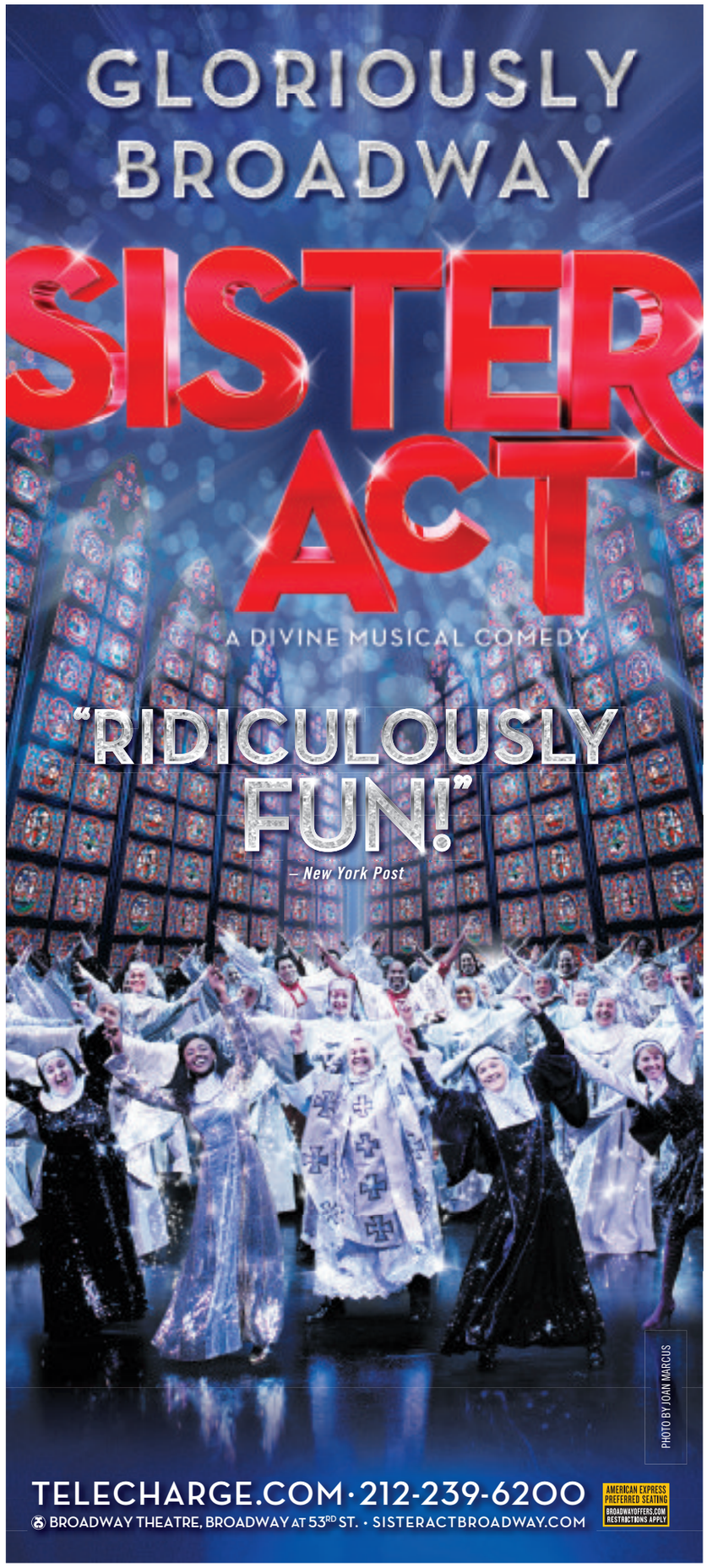

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In the news

TCU drug bust

Seventeen students, including four football players, were arrested on drug charges yesterday at Texas Christian University.

Tanner Brock, an All-Mountain West player in 2010, was one player arrested.

The players, including Brock, are alleged to have had a full-scale marijuana dealing operation. Brock admitted in the report that "about 60" players on TCU would fail a drug test.

What went right ...

1 Lin charge — Jeremy Lin again appeased the masses as he tallied 10 points, 13 assists and five rebounds. Lin shot only four-of-six from the field but it was his floor leadership that was amazing, as he helped the Knicks bury the Kings in the first quarter, on the strength of an 18-6 run and never looked back.

2 Rolling in the deep — The role players also played above their means again, as guys like Bill Walker (14 points), Landry Fields (15 points) and Jared Jeffries (10 points) provided a spark. Walker, who was filling in for the injured Carmelo Anthony (groin), was stellar on both ends.

3 Tenacity — The Knicks showed off stellar defense and hustle reminiscent of the Patrick Ewing-Charles Oakley days, as there were numerous loose balls picked up by diving players and a tenacious defense that smothered a hapless Kings unit into shooting 32 percent, including 22 percent from 3. METRO/TW

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▶ No last-second heroics were needed by Jeremy Lin last night as he put up 13 assists in just 26 minutes of action.

Fee-Lin .500 again

Knicks trounce Kings to even their record for first time since Jan. 14 New York wins seventh straight Lin sits fourth quarter due to blowout

The Knicks continued their hot streak with a resounding 100-85 win over the Kings.

Led by Jeremy Lin's 10 points and a career-high 13 assists, the Knicks (15-15) rolled to their seventh-straight win and finally got back to the .500 mark.

With the home game coming one night after Lin nailed the game-winning 3 in Toronto, expectations were at a season high.

Lin and Co. didn't disappoint, however, as they led nearly wire-to-wire.

The Kings (10-19) took an early 7-5 lead, but that was as good as it would get as the Knicks went on an 18-6 run to close out the opening quarter. Amar'e Stoudemire had nine of his 11 points in the first quarter in what was his first home appearance since the tragic death of his older brother.

The Kings, also coming off the back end of a back-to-back, provided little resistance and looked sluggish from the onset.

Knicks head coach Mike D'Antoni gave the Kings a mercy substitution at the 5:44 mark of the fourth quarter when he trotted out afterthoughts like Toney Douglas, Jerome Jordan and Renaldo Balkman.

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Grizz beat Nets

Across the river in Newark, the Nets squandered a lead to lose to Memphis, 105-100.

▶ Nets **point guard Deron Williams** had 26 points and 11 assists in the loss.

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LIN-SANITY ON THE RISE

Jeremy Lin owners have a sore shoulder from patting themselves on the back so hard. The real trick is seeing what the trade market bears for the Knicks' phenom.

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▶ Jeremy Lin for Steph Curry? Yes please.

Over the last six games, the former undrafted free agent out of Harvard is averaging 26.8 points and 8.5 assists. Expecting him to sustain that is unrealistic — even for the biggest "Linsanity" fans.

Hot shot

During Lin's 21 career D-League games, the point guard shot 48 percent from the field. When players make the leap to the pros, their shooting percentage inevitably comes down. But since bursting onto the scene with the Knicks, Lin is at 50.4 percent. A regression is coming.

Melo issues

If Carmelo Anthony (groin) was healthy, Lin wouldn't have taken the game-winning shot against the Raptors. Once Melo gets back in the lineup, Lin's attempts and time with the ball will go down. Right now, he's getting 19.5 shots up per night. Anthony was a "ball hog" at 18.8 attempts per game.

How high?

All this said, we should not be selling Lin on the cheap. He's going to settle in around 32-35 minutes. But he'll still be a top-50 player as a perfect fit for Mike D'Antoni's offense.

Baseball rookies

With spring training almost here, it's time for elite prospects to jump onto the fantasy radar:

1

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2

Bryce Harper, C, WAS — He's a longshot to make the team out of spring training at the tender age of 19. But a late-season callup could be worth the wait for Harper's elite power.

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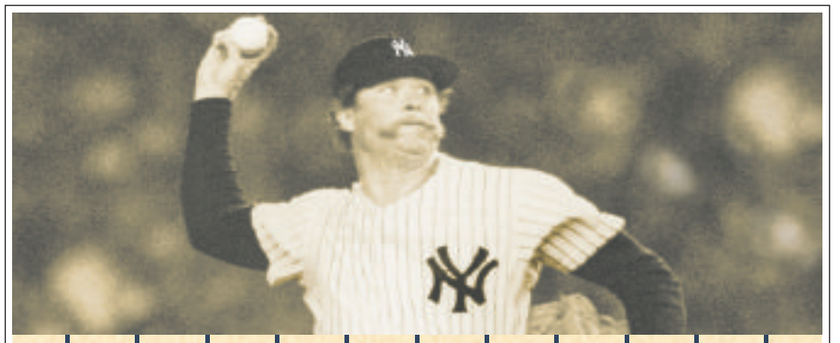
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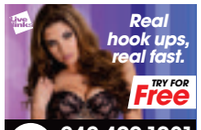

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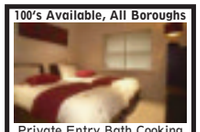
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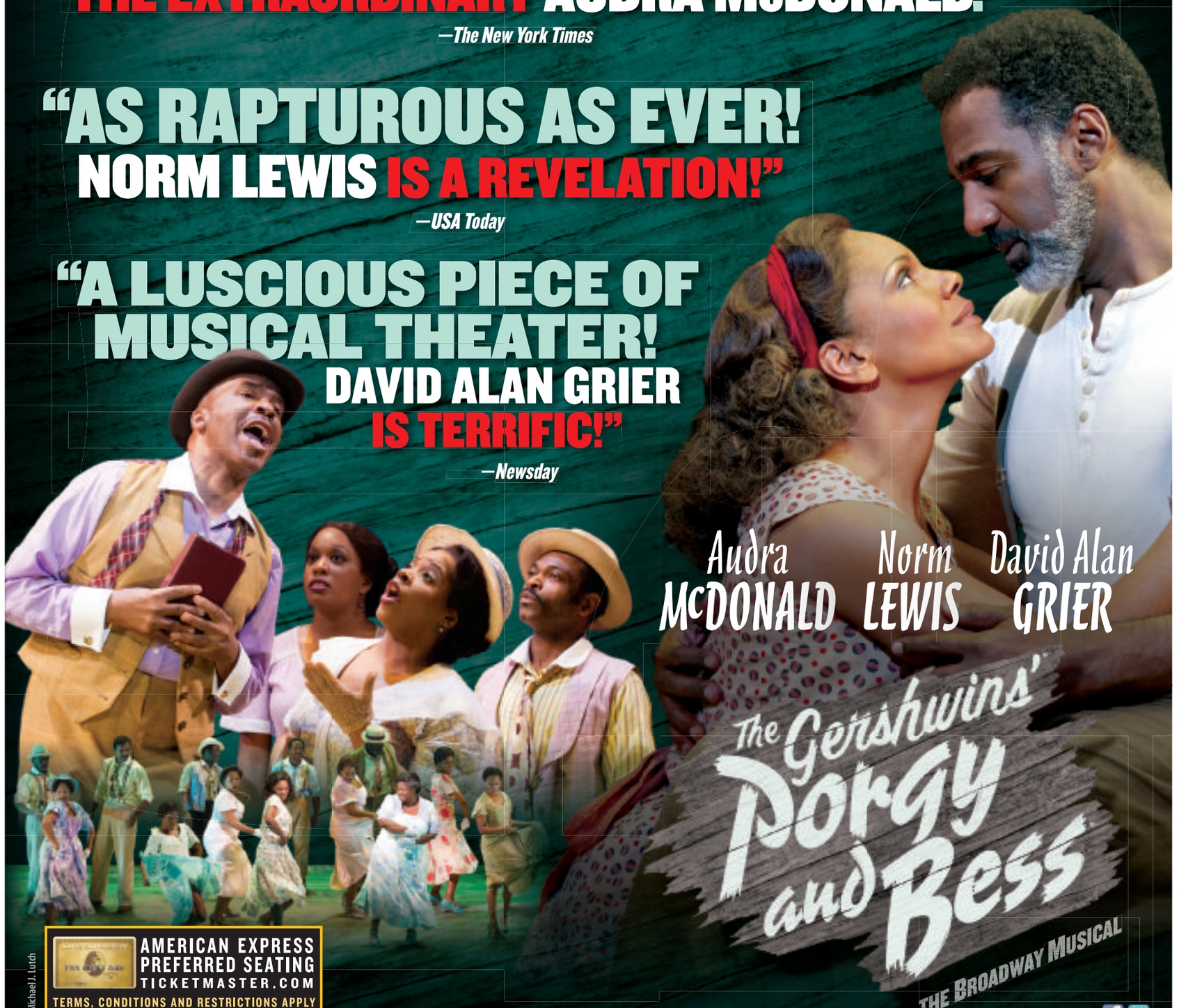

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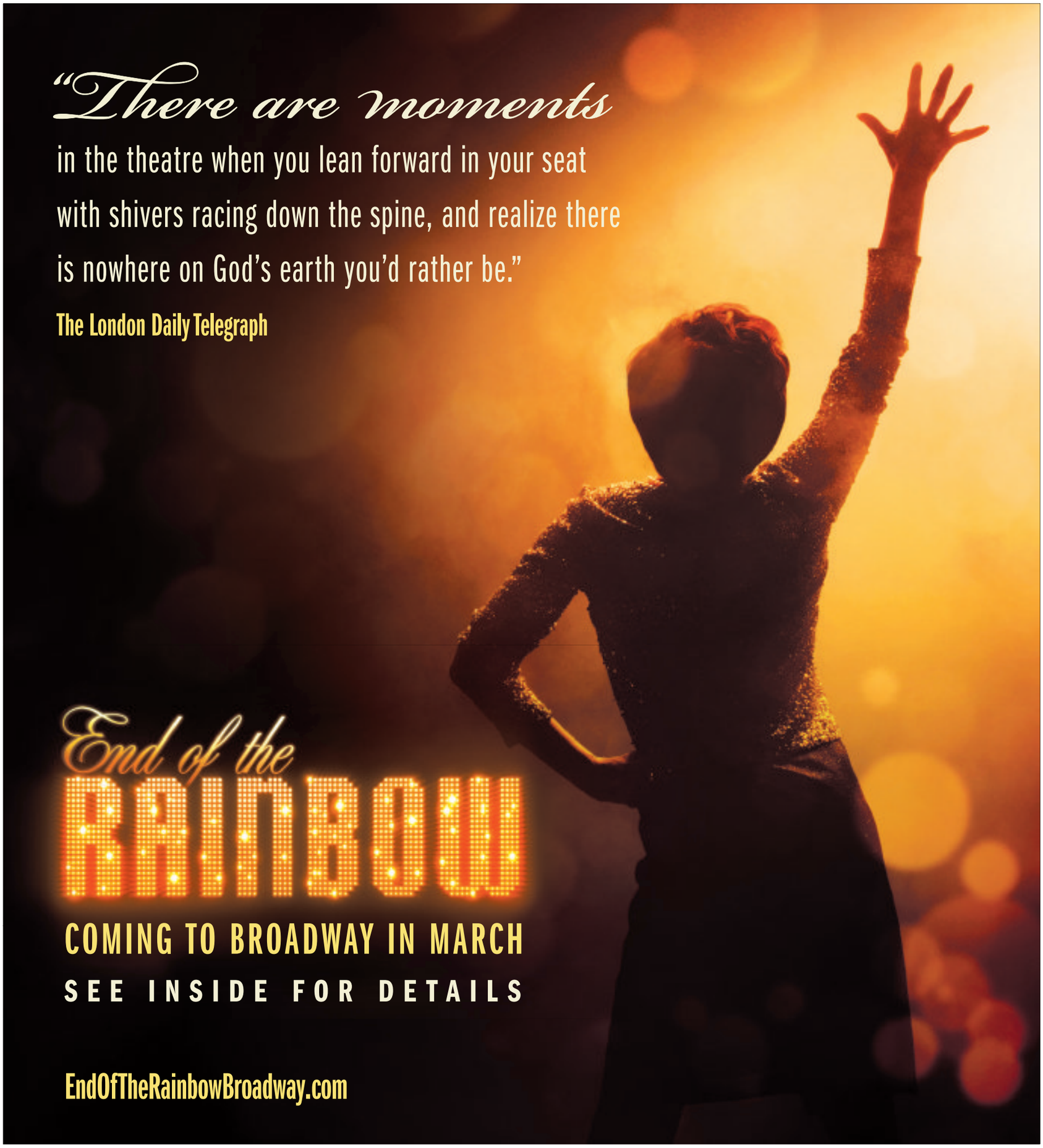
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